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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing proposed amendments to the claims, as well as the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the present application, claims 1-14 have been hereby cancelled without prejudice, and claims 15-25 have been newly added and are now pending.

In the Office Action dated July 6, 2007, the Examiner **(1)** found allowable subject matter relative to at least claim 3; **(2)** rejected claims 4 and 7 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; **(3)** rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP6462871 to Morishima ("the '871 reference") and US RE37610E to Tsuchiya et al. ("the '610 reference"), and **(4)** rejected claims 9-12 and 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '871 reference and the '610 reference as applied to claim 1, and further in view of USP5467102 ("the '102 reference").

In response to items **(1)**, as well as **(2)** through **(4)** above, Applicant(s) respectfully express appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter relative to claim 3, and moreover respectfully submit that present claims 15-25 are similarly directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections/rejections, and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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